Aaron vs. Ruth

READ ME FIRST!

We know you're anxious to begin AARON VS. RUTH, but before you do, please be sure that your system meets the following minimum system requirements:

- Pentium® 90 MHz IBM PC or compatible
- 16 MB of RAM (32 MB recommended)
- Windows® 95 - **NOTE:** *This is a Windows 95 game and cannot be played on Windows NT systems. Multitasking is not recommended when playing AARON VS. RUTH.*
- An **Uncompressed** hard drive with **25 MB free**
- A 4X CD-ROM drive or faster
- An SVGA video adapter with 1 MB of memory and a Color SVGA Monitor
- A 100% Microsoft compatible mouse

In addition to the basic system requirements, the game requires that DirectX3a be installed to your hard drive. The choice to install DirectX3a appears when you install the game.

NOTE: *AARON VS. RUTH utilizes Microsoft's DirectX Sound and Video drivers. DirectX is a programming tool created by Microsoft, and the installation of DirectX may cause video problems and system anomalies with computers using video drivers that aren't DirectX compliant. DirectX is a Microsoft product, and as such, Mindscape cannot be responsible for changes that might occur to your computer system due to its installation. For DirectX related problems that cannot be fixed by updating to your video card's latest Windows 95 driver set, you must contact either Microsoft, or the manufacturer of your video card for further technical support or service.*

BOX CONTENTS

Your game box should contain one CD-ROM disk (CD), a game manual and this Quick Start Reference Card.

INSTALLING THE GAME

You must install AARON VS. RUTH to your hard drive to play the game. To play the game, you must have the AARON VS. RUTH CD in your CD-ROM drive.

To install the game, insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive. When the pop-up window appears, click on the Install option. If you have Windows 95 Autorun disabled, explore the CD and double click on the Setup icon. If you experience problems during installation, please refer to the "Troubleshooting" section of this data card. Additional information regarding sound and video setup can be found there.

UNINSTALLING THE GAME

To uninstall the game, choose Settings from the Windows 95 Start Button, and select Control Panel. In the Control Panel, select Add/Remove Programs, left-click on AARON VS. RUTH, then click on the Add/Remove button. The game and all of its components are then removed from your hard disk. There is also an Uninstall option on the Autorun menu, and in the AARON VS. RUTH folder in the Start menu.

STARTING THE GAME

To start the game, insert the AARON VS. RUTH CD into your CD-ROM drive then select Play from the pop-up window.

Users that have the Windows 95 Autorun feature disabled, should open the AARON VS. RUTH program folder from the Windows 95 Start button and double-click on the Play AARON VS. RUTH icon.

NOTE: *If you have installed the game but do not have the* AARON VS. RUTH *CD in your CD- ROM drive, you cannot play.*

For complete and specific "how to play" information, please refer to the User Manual. Any notes regarding changes to the game made after the User Manual was printed, or any rules errata can be found after the "Troubleshooting" section. Some changes were made too late to include in this data card, these can be found in the README.TXT file on your CD.

INTERNET ACCESS

You can access the Internet while in the AARON VS. RUTH game. Simply go to the Player Bios section of the game, and click on the WWW button. This option will connect to your current Internet Browser, or you can install the AT&T Worldnet service.

SAVING GAMES

AARON VS. RUTH requires space on your hard drive for saved games and temporary files. You need different amounts of free space on your hard drive, depending on the type of save. Here are some approximate amounts.

Single Game	16KB
3of5 Series Game	16KB
8of15 Series Game	16KB
20 Day Season Game	85KB
100 Day Season Game	95KB
Saved Roster File	11KB

SETTING UP A TWO-PLAYER GAME

In order to set up AARON VS. RUTH for a two-player game use the following steps:

1. Once you are in the game, select the **Options** button.
2. Select **User Setup** at the bottom of the screen. This is where you configure the game for two players.
3. The first screen in the User Setup is for Player One. By clicking on the arrows on either side of the **Controller** bar you can scroll through the different controller options (Keyboard, Gamepad, CPU, etc.).

SETTING UP A TWO-PLAYER GAME, continued

4. When you have selected the type of controller Player One will use, select the **Player Two** button at the bottom of the screen. This takes you to the Player Two Setup screen.
5. Select the type of controller that Player Two will use, just as you did for Player One. *The controller types can be the same, but the numbers must be different, for example, **Gravis Game Pad 1** and **Gravis Game Pad 2**.*
6. Select **Okay** to return to the Options screen. Select **Okay** again to return to the Main Menu. Select **Start New** and choose either a game or series to play. A menu will pop up asking if you wish to play a one player or a two player game. Select **Two Players**.
7. This brings you to the New Game Setup screen. The first screen is the game setup for Player One. Select which team Player One will use, either the Hammers or the Bambinos, by clicking on the arrows on either side of the Team bar. Then select which stadium you wish to play in. Player Two automatically becomes the opposite team of Player One.
   Example: If Player One selects the Hammers, Player Two automatically becomes the Bambinos.
8. If you are playing a series, select the **Player Two** button at the bottom of the screen. This brings up the Player Two setup screen. Some of the options are grayed out. This is because these options must be the opposite of Player One. Select a stadium for Player Two.
9. Select **Okay**. This brings you to the Pre-game Summary screen. Select the **Play Ball** button to start the game.

If you are not given controller options other than the Keyboard, or if your joypad device does not work during the game, follow the instructions below to ensure your Gravis Grip Pad, Microsoft Sidewinder or Gravis Game Pad is configured for AARON VS RUTH.

For Gravis Grip Pad or Microsoft Sidewinder:

1. Double-click on the **My Computer** icon.
2. Double-click on **Control Panel** which is at the bottom of the window.
3. Double-click on **Gaming Devices.** This brings up the test window for your controller.
4. Click on **Test** to calibrate your game device, and see that it is working.
5. Click on **Apply** to exit.

Note: If you do not have a icon for Gaming Devices you will need to install the software for your game controller.

For Gravis Game Pad or other generic game pads:

1. Double-click on the **My Computer** Icon.
2. Double-click on **Control Panel** which is at the bottom of the window.
3. Double-click on **Joystick**.
4. Click on the down arrow on the Joystick selection bar. This brings up a list of joystick options. Select **Gravis Game Pad**.
5. Click on **Test** to calibrate you game pad.
6. Click on **Apply** to exit.

Note: If you can not find Gravis Game Pad you can use the generic game pad option.

VIDEO CARDS/VESA DRIVERS

The following video cards are supported: *Edge 3D PCI, ATI Graphics Pro Turbo (Mach 64), S3 Trio 32 / 64 PCI, Cirrus Logic 5434 PCI, PCI Matrox Millenium, S3 Vision PCI, and S3 Virge.*

If you are running a video card that is not listed above your results may not be optimal. This game was tested only on the listed cards.

SOUND CARDS

The following sound cards are supported: *Sound Blaster 16, Sound Blaster AWE 32, and Sound Blaster Pro.*

If you are experiencing problems with your sound card, try running the diagnostic software that comes with your card. **Eighty percent of all sound card problems are due to mistaken configurations.** If you are running a sound card that is not listed above, or are running a sound card in an emulation mode, your results may not be optimal. This game was tested only on the listed cards.

ADDITIONAL TROUBLESHOOTING INFORMATION

- If other applications are open while playing AARON VS. RUTH, you can use ALT + TAB to cycle through the active programs. If no other application is running while you are playing, you can use CTRL-ESC to access the Start menu on the Windows Desktop.
- If you are using Microsoft ® Office '97, it is advised that you exit the program before starting AARON VS. RUTH. If you choose to leave it running, we recommend that you do not have the setting "Always on Top" activated. If active, the toolbar will appear on your screen during the game.
- If your system is currently using large fonts, please access the Settings tab of the Display Properties window (accessed by right-clicking on the desktop, and selecting Properties from the pop-up menu), and change to small fonts.

GAME PLAY HELP

During game play, press the F1 key to bring up the online tutorial.

CONTACTING MINDSCAPE TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you are having problems, please consult the "Troubleshooting" section of this data card before calling technical support. We have a staff of technical support specialists ready to help you with any problem you may encounter with the game. If your problem is due to your system configuration they will tell you of the game's requirements and suggest some possible solutions. Because of the millions of different hardware and software combinations possible with today's PCs, you may still have to consult with your computer dealer, hardware manu-facturer, or software publisher in order to properly configure their product to run with our game.

If at all possible, be near your computer when you call. The technical support specialist will need specific information about your machine and may need you to access or change some files while you are on the phone. If it is not possible to be near your computer, be sure to have the following information:

JOYPAD CONTROL CONFIGURATIONS

	Microsoft Sidewinder and Gravis Grippad	Gravis Gamepad and Compatibles
Pitching		
Selecting pitch :	A, B, C, or X	Red, Blue, Green, or Yellow
Intentional walk :	X + Down	Yellow + Down
This function should be executed while the pitch window is still up.		
Cancel Pitch :	A	Red
Select aim :	C	Green
Pick off :	B + Direction Pad	Blue + Direction Pad
Pitch out :	B + Down	Blue and Down
Throw pitch :	C	Green
Throw pitch fast :	C + Down	Green + Down
Throw pitch slow :	C + Up	Green + Up
Fielding		
Throw ball :	C + Direction Pad	Green + Direction Pad
Throw ball fast :	B + Direction Pad	Blue + Direction Pad
Select active fielder :	A	Red
Turbo boost / dive :	X	Yellow
Move fielder :	Direction Pad	Direction Pad
Batting		
Select swing :	Direction Pad	Direction Pad
Cancel swing :	A	Red
Bunt :	X	Yellow
Swing :	C	Green
Running		
Advance / Steal :	B + Direction Pad	Blue + Direction Pad
Return :	A + Direction Pad	Red + Direction Pad
Halt runner :	C + Direction Pad	Green + Direction Pad

In terms of throwing the ball, the direction refers to the base you want to throw to. In terms of base running direction refers to the base that the runner is currently on.

Right	First Base
Up	Second Base
Left	Third Base
Down	Home

TROUBLESHOOTING INFORMATION

This section provides you with several easy steps to solve some common problems.

MEMORY

This game requires a system with 16 MB of memory, and 32 MB is recommended. We also recommend closing all running applications before starting AARON Vs. RUTH. If you choose to have other applications running during the game, you can experience delays in gameplay and general system slow downs.

CONTACTING MINDSCAPE TECHNICAL SUPPORT, continued

- A listing of all of your machine's hardware and its settings.
- The contents of your AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS files.
- All the information listed after the MEM command
- The current configuration of your game.

Our technical support number is (408) 737-6850. Our hours are 11 AM to 5 PM, Pacific time, Monday through Friday, holidays excluded. **ABSOLUTELY NO GAME PLAYING HINTS WILL BE GIVEN THROUGH THIS NUMBER**. If you cannot get through during our normal business hours, please fax our Technical Support Dept. at (408) 737-6814. Please include a printout of your CONFIG.SYS and AUTOEXEC.BAT files along with a complete description of the problem.

MINDSCAPE BBS

We have a BBS containing patch files to update most of our products to the most current version, as well as product demos and new product announcements. If you have a 9600, 14.4K, 21.6K, or 28.8K baud modem, call (408) 739-6137. If you have a 1200, 2400, 9600, 14.4K, 21.6K, or 28.8K baud modem, call (408) 739-6623. Your communications software needs to be set to N,8,1 and your modem must be 100% Hayes compatible. Demos are not available to users with modem speeds under 9600 due to file size and download time.

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